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Dear Harold,

I am sorry, but I do not feel that it would be at all proper for me to forward your letter to Wolff for several reasons:

(1) The fact that he knows that I have read it could give him the impression that you are writing it for my benefit.

(2) I really must be impartial in this matter. I cannot take on the role of a partisan by acting as a middle man in your communications with Wolff.

(3) My forwarding your letter to Wolff will indicate to him that I am conspiring with you against him. If we back him into a defensive position he won't reply to either of us.

Please, Harold, you must rewrite that letter. I am not sorry as far as Mr. Wolff is concerned, but Mr. Policoff who is researching an article on the New York Times. I don't want Wolff to know that I am sharing any but the most marginal information

with you - certainly not that I am sending you copies of my correspondence with you.

By the way, although I think he overreacted terribly, I think you showed poor judgment with that footnote, especially the way you phrased it. It had to place Wolff in a terribly embarrassing ~~sit~~ spot and I don't blame him for being pissed off. After all, anyone who knew Wolff would know that the footnote referred to him.

See you Saturday

Jerry

P.S. almost forgot, Wolff's address is:

El Jardin
Mijas (Malaga)
Espana

PPS enclosed are some suggestions for changing your letter.

(1)

Dear M. Wolff,

par. (1) M. Policoff phoned me last night about another matter, and he told me he had been in touch with you. As you know, he is writing an article about the New York Times, and I have opened my files to him. I asked him for your address so that I might ~~write~~ write to you myself. ~~It was~~ It is my concern for you alone that impels this letter ... (rest of par. ok)

par. (2) ok

par. (3) ok

par. (4) Mr. Policoff would not discuss his correspondence with you except to say that you disputed the authenticity of some of my notes, that you stood by what you said in your letter to the Times, and that you have a low opinion of my writing. On the latter point, we both know how subjective ... (rest of par. ok).

par. (5) ok

par. (6) ok

par. (7) As regards the authenticity of my notes, I assume you they are authentic.

As my files and this letter will show, I do not even take time to read and correct my terrible typing, ... (rest ok until ...) ~~Wrote~~ ~~was~~ At the occasion of publication of your letter, when Mr. Policoff phoned me about it, Howard Roffman, who ~~was~~ ... (rest ok until.) While I was talking to Mr. Policoff who was asking me questions ... , and it is he, not I, who selected it from the relevant parts that I then quoted to Mr. Policoff over the phone.

Par. (8 & 9) OK.